

Blues can go second tonight

WYCOMBE WANDERERS' left-back Ray Eaton, injured against Hayes in November, may return to the side tonight (Tuesday) when the Blues take on Southall in the Rothmans Isthmian League Division One at Loakes Park.

Ray dislocated his shoulder in the Hayes game and it was not until a couple of days later that it was revealed a bone had also been chipped. He carried the arm rather noticeably against Thame last Thursday, but played

the full 90 minutes. On Saturday he came on as substitute after 66 minutes at Buckingham.

Wanderers must be worried about the threat Willie Anderson will pose to their full-backs at Cardiff on Saturday and may

want to play Eaton instead of Dave Bullock at Ninian Park. Much will depend on Eaton's performance tonight. Whoever plays at Cardiff, they can expect a really testing time against Anderson.

The Blues are expected to have their regular players back tonight after giving squad men Derek Harris, Derek Cotterill and Peter Spittle a game on Saturday in the county cup. John Maskell, Terry Reardon, Tony Horseman and Geoff Anthony all had a rest from the game but should return against Southall.

With several cup competitions now underway there has been little league activity recently, but this match is important to Wycombe for they could take over second position if they win, going one point clear of Hendon. Remembering how they won the league title last year after the F.A. Cup run was over, they cannot afford any mistakes against Southall.

Wanderers could count themselves a little unfortunate not to have an away victory at Southall already tucked under their belts. They were held to a 1-1 draw at Western Road and Southall only equalised in the last few minutes after an incident where the referee overruled his linesman. Wycombe were not too unhappy, however, for their goal was lucky. Tony Horseman's cross hitting an upright for Dylan Evans to score.

There could be a couple of changes in the Southall side. They hope to sign veteran Gerry O'Rourke this week and also Keith Baker from Molesey — a former Southall player.

Undoubtedly Southall's top player is Alan Devonshire, who looked a class above his team-mates in the earlier game. He will need watching carefully tonight.